(d) to (f) Government Officials, who are temporary, are made permanent by the concerned appointing authorities following prescribed procedure. There is no proposal to convert all temporary employees into permanent ones.

Agitation Threat by Scientists

1294. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that scientists in the country, serving various Government organisations, are planning to go on strike and resort to other means of agitation to secure their due position *vis-a-vis* IAS and other administrative services;

(b) whether any representations have been received from scientists' associations in this regard; if so, what are their precise demands;

(c) whether Government are aware that according to institutional established norms, professionals like scientists, doctors, engineers etc. are classified above all other occupations and administrators and managers are below them; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated to give their due place to scientists and other such professionals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The National Coordination Committee of young Scientists & Research Fellows and Post Graduate School Students Union, Indian Agricultural Research Institute had submitted to the Government the following demands;

(i) Upward revision of Research fellowships;

(ii) Implementation of revised pay scales for Research Scientists;

(iii) Improvement in service terms and conditions;

(iv) Instituting an organised research service;

(v) Representation of young scientists in National Policy and Plan formulation.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Talks with China to Settle Border Dispute

1295. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state that whether any talks have been held recently with China to settle border dispute; if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : The 8th Round of Official Level Talks between India and China was held from the 15th to 17th of this month. Both sides felt that the border issue should be resolved through peaceful negotations in accordance with the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and tranquility should be maintained all along the India-China boundary.

Increase in Indian Air Force Plane Accidents

1296. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the Air Force Plane accidents during 1987, as compared to 1986;

(b) if so, what is the total number of major and minor accidents of Indian Air Force planes during this year as compared to 1986;